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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES COUP D'ETAT -- RESUMPTION OF NORMAL
RELATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 133577 (B) STATE 134859 (NOTAL)
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1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RESUME NORMAL RELATIONS WITH GOS
AS OF OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 13. BRITISH ACTION
ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL A HAS BEEN DELAYED, NECESSITATING
INDEPENDENT U.S. ACTION. HMG HAS BEEN INFORMED THROUGH
BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. A PRIMARY FACTOR PRECIPITATING DECISION AT THIS TIME
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IS EXPECTED CONSIDERATION BY SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE (SFRC) ON JUNE 14 OF LE MELLE NOMINATION AS
AMBASSADOR TO SEYCHELLES. PRIOR TO SFRC MEETING, WE
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT AGREEMENT FOR LE MELLE
GRANTED BY MANCHAM REGIME STILL STANDS. REQUEST THEREFORE
THAT YOU INFORM RENE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE AFTER OPENING
OF BUSINESS JUNE 13 THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO APPROACH

HIM ON THIS QUESTION WHICH CLEARLY IS DIRECTLY PERTINENT TO OUR CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH SEYCHELLES. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM RENE ON RECOGNITION, YOU SHOULD FOLLOW GUIDANCE IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL A. DEPARTMENT WILL

FOLLOW LAST TWO Q&A'S FROM REFTEL A.

3. YOU SHOULD KEEP BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER FULLY INFORMED OF OUR ACTIONS AND RATIONALE BEHIND THEM.

4. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO LOOK FOR SUITABLE OPENING IN EARLY CONTACTS WITH RENE TO PASS OFF MANCHAM ALLEGATIONS DISCUSSED REFTEL C AS NOT REFLECTING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MANCHAM AND RENE. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER RENE LIKELY TO TAKE THESE ALLEGATIONS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUSLY TO WARRANT ON-THE-RECORD CLARIFICATION.

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